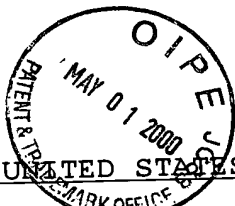


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Serial No.: 09/254,119
Filed : April 16, 1999
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PRODUCING SAME

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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT
AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

Kindly amend the claims of the above-identified
patent application as follows.

Cancel claims 7-13, without prejudice.

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office
Action mailed April 6, 2000.

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The Office Action required restriction of the application to one of the following two groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-7 and 14-15 drawn to a product.
- II. Claims 8-13 drawn to a process.

Claim 7 is a process claim and is believed to be properly in group II.

The applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of group I, i.e., product claims 1-6 and 14-15, for further prosecution in this application.

This election is made with traverse because the present application is a national phase of PCT/JP97/02987. Therefore, PCT unity of invention rules apply. The applicants maintain that there is unity of invention among the claims of group I and group II under PCT unity of invention rules.

In order to advance prosecution, process claims 7-13 have been canceled by this amendment without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to claims 7-13. Applicants intend to file a divisional application directed to claims 7-11.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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